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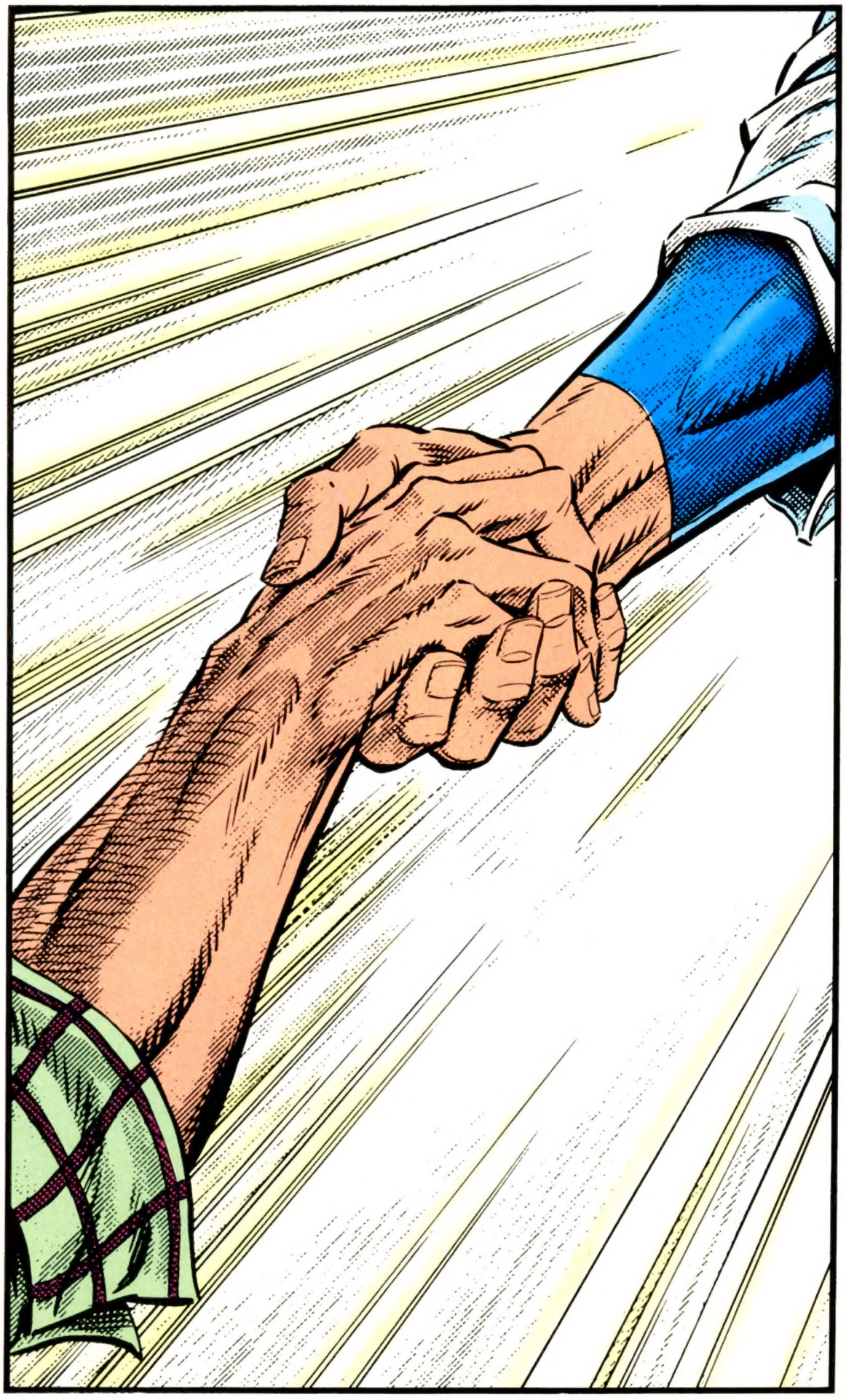
SUPERMAN...ALIVE AGAIN?

He's back!

The Superman titles return with **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500.** The story that shook the world continues with even more fantastic plot twists and mysterious developments! The cover of ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 COLLECTOR'S EDITION has a uniquely enhanced, removable translucent cover panel over a painted image by Jerry Ordway. This intriguing cover only hints at the mysterious contents that lie beneath it.

You've heard the rumors, you've pondered the theories, but the time has come to solve the mystery and get on with the never-ending battle. The 64-page ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 is written by Jerry Ordway (his final issue as regular writer of the series) and includes special pages from the entire creative team of the Superman titles (including incoming ADVENTURES writer Karl Kesel) documenting four SUPERMAN "sightings."

Superman is dead as ADVENTURES #500 begins and



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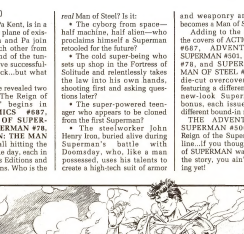
his foster father, Pa Kent, is in a coma. On another plane of existence, Superman and Pa join forces to save each other from the light at the end of the tunnel. Pa will live successfully brings him back...but what about Superman?

The answers are revealed two weeks later as "The Reign of the Supermen" begins in **ACTION COMICS #687, ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #501, SUPERMAN #78,** and **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #22,** all hitting the stands on the same day, each in special Collector's Editions and Newsstand Editions. Who is the *real* Man of Steel? Is it:

- The cyborg from space—half machine, half alien—who proclaims himself a Superman retooled for the future?
- The cold super-being who sets up shop in the Fortress of Solitude and relentlessly takes the law into his own hands, shooting first and asking questions later?
- The super-powered teenager who appears to be cloned from the first Superman?
- The steelworker John Henry Irons, buried alive during Superman's battle with Doomsday, who, like a man possessed, uses his talents to create a high-tech suit of armor and weaponry and literally becomes a Man of Steel?

Adding to the mystery are the covers of ACTION COMICS #687, ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #501, SUPERMAN #78, and SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #22, all with die-cut overcovers and each featuring a different distinctive new-look Superman. As a bonus, each issue contains a different bound-in miniposter!

THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 and "The Reign of the Supermen" storyline...if you thought the death of SUPERMAN was the end of the story, you ain't seen nothing yet!



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LOBO...BASHING HEADS WITH THE UN-AMERICAN GLADIATORS!

Ready for a little head-bashing? Think you've mun enough to play the "Maim Game"?

LOBO is! Like that's a surprise, right?

Check out the slammin' action in the 4-issue miniseries LOBO: UN-AMERICAN GLADIATORS, where the Main Man plays the game for fabulous prizes...and, of course, the opportunity to lock horns with the baddest basticles in the galaxy and kick the butts of his fellow contestants! Up for grabs is a year's holiday for two in the palace of pleasure on Wahsworld, a jewel-encrusted bazooka, and all the gold you can grab from the vaults of Gazzo. And for the last gladiator standing, the star prize is the planet Zanzos.

But, does Lobo care about prizes? If he wanted a planet, he'd friggin' well take one. He's playing the Maim Game for the *fun* of it. And in Mendo Camo, where anything goes, the Main Man is sure to find the meanest kind of fun.

LOBO: UNAMERICAN GLADIATORS is a 4-issue New Format miniseries, written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Cam Kennedy. Covers for the miniseries are provided by Mike Mignola.

LOBO: UNAMERICAN GLADIATORS...*but these guys aren't about to play nice!*

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END IN AN ELSEWORLDS FUTURE!

The classic Jack Kirby creation **KAMANDI** returns in the *Elseworlds* miniseries **KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END**, in which he takes on a darkly compelling world of the future.

The Second Apocalypse devastated the world and turned men into monsters. But what caused this disaster has always been a mystery. Now Machine Mother, the artificial intelligence that has nurtured Kamandi since he was seven, unveils to him the blasted landscape and poisoned air on a mission of vengeance: to find the menace who may have perpetrated the Second Apocalypse!

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END is a 6-issue New Format miniseries, written by Tom Veitch, with art by Frank Gomez and Mike Barreiro.

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END...a tale of an *Elseworlds* future that pits the young adventurer against forces capable of bringing about the end of the world!

ANOTHER MILESTONE...STATIC!

DC continues the launch of the groundbreaking Milestone line with the fourth of Milestone's core titles... **STATIC.**

Fifteen-year-old Virgil Hawkins never knew what hit him. He was sure of one thing, though—he'd picked the wrong night to get even with the gang member who'd humiliated him. Pushed way over the edge, Virgil had tracked his assailant to Paris Island on the night of the "Big Bang"...and was washed in the same radioactive marker that created the Blood Syndicate.

Virgil finds himself charged with electrostatic powers, capable of force-field creation, flight, "laser punches," and lightning strikes. He slowly starts to see the possibilities these new powers present. Now Virgil lives a dual life: one as the unpopular, unremarkable teenager he'd always been; and the other as Static, a swashbuckling urban hero confronting a host of super-powered villains, as well as the grim realities of life in the city of Dakota.

STATIC #1 is available in both a Newsstand Edition and an exclusive polybagged Direct Market Edition that includes a 4-color poster of the cover; a black-and-white, "Who's Who"-style profile of the lead character printed on a backing board; a trading card produced in cooperation with SkyBox International; and one set of a 4-part, 16-piece color mural. Newsstand editions are not bagged, and feature different covers.

STATIC is written by Dwayne McDuffie and Robert L. Washington, III, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell, and covers by Denys Cowan and Jimmy Palmiotti.

STATIC...making noise in the Milestone universe!

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE TAKES OFF!

The Martian Manhunter is taking command once again in a new series that puts an exciting spin on the Justice League! And issue #1 has a special wraparound cover with day-glow ink and a JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE membership card, so you can be a member!

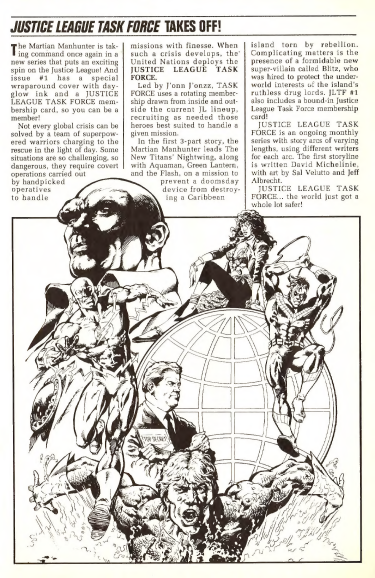
Not every global crisis can be solved by a team of superpowered warriors charging to the rescue in the light of day. Some situations are so challenging, so dangerous, they require covert operations carried out by handpicked operatives to handle missions with finesse. When such a crisis develops, the United Nations deploys the JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE.

Led by J'onn J'onzz, TASK FORCE uses a rotating membership drawn from inside and outside the current JL lineup, recruiting as needed those heroes best suited to handle a given mission.

In the first 3-part story, the Martian Manhunter leads The New Titans' Nightwing, along with Aquaman, Green Lantern, and the Flash, on a mission to prevent a doomsday device from destroying a Caribbean island torn by rebellion. Complicating matters is the presence of a formidable new super-villain called Blitz, who was hired to protect the underworld interests of the island's ruthless drug lords. JLTF #1 also includes a bound-in Justice League Task Force membership card!

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE is an ongoing monthly series with story arcs of varying lengths, using different writers for each arc. The first storyline is written David Michelinie, with art by Sal Velatto and Jeff Albrecht.

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE., the world just got a whole lot safer!



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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 Collector's Edition
The Superman titles return to monthly publication! Superman is dead. Pa Kent is in a coma. On another plane of existence, Ray Jon forces to save one another from the absolute end. Pa's will to live brings him back. But will the Man of Steel return with him? The Collector's Edition contains an exclusive 8-page section featuring all-new splash pages, no ads, and a cover with a uniquely enhanced, removable translucent cover panel over a painted image by Jerry Ordway. Written by Jerry Ordway, Dan Jurgens, Louise Simonson, Roger Stern, and Karl Kesel, with art by Tom Grummett, Jurgens, Jon Bogdanove, Jackson Guice, Doug Hazlewood, Brett Breeding, Dennis Janke, and Denis Rodier. Enhanced painted cover by Jerry Ordway. 64 pages. $2.95

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500 Newsstand Edition
The Newsstand edition contains the same exciting story of Pa Kent's struggle to survive and his mysterious encounter with Superman, but without the 8 exclusive splash pages, and with a different cover by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. Written by Jerry Ordway, Dan Jurgens, Louise Simonson, Roger Stern, and Karl Kesel, with art by Tom Grummett, Jurgens, Jon Bogdanove, Jackson Guice, Doug Hazlewood, Brett Breeding, Dennis Janke, and Dicks Rodier. 64 pages. $2.50

BATMAN #494
BATMAN and DETECTIVE continue "Knightfall," the crossover that leads into BATMAN #500. The Joker and Bane, both escaped from Arkham Asylum, plan to strike at Batman by destroying Commissioner Gordon. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Tom Mandrake. $1.25

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #13

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A nobody accidentally discovers that Batman is Bruce Wayne and threatens to sell the information to the highest bidder from Gotham's underworld. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Norm Breyfogle. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

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DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #26

A hired killer on the run has taken up residence inside The Black Dome, a sealed, self-sufficient environment where no one gets in or out for two years. He thinks he's safe... but he hasn't counted on Deathstroke. Written by Steven Grant, with art by Vince Russell and Ian Akin. Cover by Mike Zeck. *(New Format)* $1.75

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #24

FLASH #77

Two Scarlet Speedsters contest for the right to be called the Flash, but Wally West isn't one of them. With life-and-death stakes, the argument is not friendly. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Greg LaRocque and Roy Richardson. Cover by Ty Templeton. $1.25

FLASH #77

GREEN LANTERN #41

Part 1 of the 2-part "Tangent Green Lantern" DC's Predator returns! He's a dark figure of questionable loyalties who Hal thinks is part of Carol Ferris's psyche resurfacing when Eclipso attempts to possess Carol again. Dealmakers like Terminator guest-stars, hired to kill Hal. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by M.D. Bright and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #13

John Stewart faces the KKK and racism on the Mosaic world, but the drastic measures he uses could place John on the side of the KKK. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Cully Hamner and Dan Panosian. $1.25

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #13

HARDWARE #4

In the conclusion of the action-packed first story arc, Hardware thinks he has the evidence to topple Alva...but STE-TEM may destroy him first! Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art and cover by Denys Cowan and Jimmy Palmiotti. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY #11

Leading off the book, it's the women of the Justice League in a story written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Mike Wieringo and Lee Moder. Backup stories feature the Martian Manhunter, written by Dan Pawson and Pat McGreal, with art by Dave Cockrum and Peter Gross; and Flamarr, which starts a new regular feature written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mike Mayhew and Dan Davis. Cover by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan, Jr. *(80 pages)* $3.50

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #53

A madman is casting innocent babies into the dreaded Shadow Caves of Talok. When the L.E.G.I.O.N. arrives with the hereditary Shadow Champion, she must fight him to the death. And A.I. Darkus's severed head continues to obsess the team, who must travel to the ends of the galaxy to learn his origins. Written by Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and Rosie Smith. Cover by Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #53

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY #11

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LEGIONNAIRES #3

The battle in the sewers beneath Metropolis reaches a climax as the hulking, monstrous Microtaur injures one of the Legionnaires and captures another. Plus, the Persuader returns to break Mano out of prison, and an amazing Emerald Interformation bodes ill for the Legionnaires as Fatal Five members continue to rampage. The covers of LEGIONNAIRES #2-3 link to form a panorama of all the Legionnaires. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Chris Sprouse and Karl Story. $1.25

LEGIONNAIRES #3

PETER CANNON--THUNDERBOLT #10

Thunderbolt teams with Justice League Europe and British hero Crusader to save London from an attack of dinosaurs. And, Thunderbolt learns that Checkmate needs his services in nearby Austenberg to battle the menace of his oldest foes, Havoc and Evita. Written and penciled by Mike Collins and José Marzan, Jr. Cover by Collins and Marzan Jr. $1.50

THE SPECTRE #7

The ghost of Jim Corrigan has been torn from The Spectre and the powerful disembodied spirit of vengeance now inhabits the form of Madame Xanadu. As Corrigan's ghost fades from this world, he must decide whether he cares enough about humanity to resume the terrible mantle of The Spectre, or to let the now-mad Madame Xanadu destroy everything that displeases her! Written by John Ostrander, with art by Tom Mandrake. Painted cover by Dan Brereton. *(New Format)* $1.75

PETER CANNON--THUNDERBOLT #10

WONDER WOMAN #75

STAR TREK® #48

Part 3 of the 3-part "Delusions": Captain Kirk brings the *Enterprise*® to the very edge of the Neutral Zone for a showdown with murderous renegades. Meanwhile, Spock and Saavik are held hostage by desperate prisoners. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Rod Whigham and Arne Starr. Cover by Whigham and Ray McCarthy. *(New Format)* $1.75

VALOR #8

Valor must evacuate a stubborn environmentalist and her favorite endangered species before the Unimaginable causes the system's sun to go supernova...but there may be more sparks flying than just an exploding planet! Written by Robert Loren Fleming, penciled by Jeffrey Moore, and inked by Ron Boyd. Cover by Adam Hughes. $1.25

WONDER WOMAN #75

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In an attempt to atone for the sadly burned Brian Elliott's health, Diana finds herself wrapped up in hospital intrigue. Also, the so-called "White Magician" is somehow connected to the attempted assassination of police officer Isabella Modini. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Lee Moder and Andy Parks. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.25

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BATMAN ROGUES GALLERY POSTER

The arresting cover of BATMAN GALLERY #1 by Jon Bogdahn and Kevin Newlan, featuring Batman and his most infamous adversaries, is now available as a smashing 22" x 34" wall poster! $4.95

BLACK CANARY #6

Black Canary's archenemy Blockbuster is vying for when she gets out of Amsterdam jail and, to further complicate matters, the C.I.A. agent and former Arrow villain Eddie Fyres are taking an unnatural interest in the case. Written by Sarah E. Byers, with art by Trevor Von Eeden and Bob Smith. Cover by Von Eeden. *(New Format)* $1.75

DANGER TRAIL #3

(of a 4-issue miniseries)

King Faraday is a step away from completing his mission when the forces of Kobra catch up with him—and that step takes him over the edge, leaving him plummeting to his death from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Written by Len Wein, with art by Carmine Infantino and Frank McLaughlin. Cover by Paul Gulacy. $1.50

DANGER TRAIL #3

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BATMAN ROGUES GALLERY POSTER

THE DEMON #36
Part 3 of the 4-part "Eternity Quest": Those two violent but lovable maniacs, the Demon and Lobo, stomp around the afterlife as they retrieve the torn-out heart of the archfiend Belial (Etrigan's dad), but not before Merlin the Magician (Etrigan's brother) causes a whole boatload of trouble for everyone involved. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Rich Hedden and Tom McWeeney. Painted cover by Denis Rodier. *(New Format)* $1.75

DETECTIVE COMICS # 661
BATMAN and DETECTIVE continue "Knightfall," the crossover that leads into BATMAN #500. The Firefly returns and sets Gotham ablaze as Batman continues his fight with the Batman escapes and the Joker and the Scarecrow try with the mayor. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by new art team Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Sam Kieth. $1.25

ECLIPSO #8

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When Eclipso possesses the beautiful American opera singer Irene Adler, Sherlock Holmes and Watson are soon on the case! One of them succumbs to Eclipso and the other loses his heart in the adventure called "Good-night, Mr. Holmes!" Written by Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming, with art and cover by special guest-artist Ted Wickert. $1.25

GREEN LANTERN CORPS QUARTERLY #3

Rebirth & Bits: Issue's theme, beginning with a framing sequence highlighting the return of one of the Corps Honor Guard - K'rysstna, by Gerard Jones and Scott Kolins. Then, Green Lantern: Kilos the continuation of his race for the sake of one final act of mercy in "Adam Thru Time." by Elliot S! Maggin, Franchesco and Bob Dvorak. In a story by Ron Marz, Jim Baiard and Andrew Pepoy, Alan Scott becomes young again, and must battle the undead Incu and Succubus Green Gravity and meets the bewitching new Harlequin! "Revenge of the Cheetah" by Michael Eury, Jose James and Barb Kaalberg. O'Neil becomes human as he and Sue Grit return to her home where the dogs and humans have switched places. And in "Whatever Happened to... Ifity?" Hal Jordan's little alien friend seeks a mate to rekindle his race, but aliens are hunting his idol to extinction in a story by Steve Mattsson, Art Nichols and Al Vey, which leads into GREEN LANTERN #43. Cover by Franchesco. $2.50

GREEN LANTERN CORPS QUARTERLY #5

THE HACKER FILES #11
(Of a 12-issue limited series)
The trail takes Jack Marshall to Russia and a showdown with the insidious Digitonix Artificial Intelligence complex. The stakes are high and the tension even higher, so Marshall better Junkie Lizard International along to help out. Written by Lewis Shiner, with art by Tom Sutton and Bill Koch. Painted computer art cover by Tom Canty. *(New Format)* $1.95

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ICON #2

While Paybock holds the Mayor hostage, two mad toke on S.H.E.D., the police special weapons unit...without hurting anybody. Paybock reveals another secret of the Big Bang. Also, Icon and Rocket get their first taste of superheroics. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. Cover by Denys Cowan and Jimmy Palmiotti. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #75

Justice League America enters the climactic battle with the alternative Justice League. The novice Leaguers may not be enough to battle the merciless Dark JLA. Written and penciled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Rick Burchett. Cover by Jurgens and Burchett. $1.25

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #44

Despite the efforts of an enraged Mysa, Mordru's plans escalate as he employs her anger to effect a horrifying transformation that could lead to the end of reality. Plus, new villains for the Legion, a magical surprise for Koriv, and the return of Karate Kid! Written by Tom & Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES POSTER

The art by the new regular art team of LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd, portrays most of the active team members and their greatest foes, all on one big 22" x 34" poster. $4.95

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES POSTER

ICON #2

THE NEW TITANS #98

Part 2 of the 4-part "The Darkening": The Brotherhood of Evil has the Metro hermit and its members have nothing less than world domination on their minds. Also, Nightwing's control of the group continues to dissolve, and the mysterious being that attacked Phantasm continues its reign of terror. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Al Vey. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE NEW TITANS #98

WONDER WOMAN POSTER

WONDER WOMAN cover artist Brian Bolland captures the majesty of DC's greatest heroine for this 22" x 34" poster. $4.95

WONDER WOMAN POSTER

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BATMAN #495

BATMAN and DETECTIVE continue "Knightfall," the crossover that leads into BATMAN #500. Poison Ivy, one of the Arkham escapees, takes on Batman; Bruce Wayne has a falling-out with Lucius Fox; and the events of Bruce's life finally catch up with him as he suffers a nervous collapse. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Bob Wiacek. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

BATMAN #495

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #46

In a Gotham City brought to the boiling point by its worst heat wave in years, the Batman, a thief turned psychotic killer, unleashes an explosion of violence and suspicion, throwing the shadow of blame on both Batman and Catwoman. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Russ Heath. (*Deluxe Format*) $1.75

BLOOD SYNDICATE #3

Boogeyman and Bricshouse face SYSTEM. Rob Chapilla learns who's behind the explosive destruction of the North Avenue Bridge, and the Syndicate launches a full-scale attack on Cross Station. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and Ivan Velez, Jr., with art by Chrisscross and Mike Gustovich. $1.50

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #46

BLOOD SYNDICATE #3

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #25

Deathstroke has made it into the big-spheres community called the Black Dome where hired killer Greg Berrett is living...but he may never make it out alive! Written by Steven Grant and pencilled by Frank Turner. Cover by Mike Zeck. (*New Format*) $1.75

GREEN LANTERN #42

Part 2 of the 3-part "Target: Green Lantern." GL's Predator and Deathstroke, the Terminator are back vying for the opportunity to kill Hal Jordan...unless they kill each other first! Plus, Hal gives Carol the answer to her proposal of marriage. Written by Gerard Jones, with art by Scott Kolins and Romeo Tanghal and cover by M.D. Bright and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #1

Beginning...a new ongoing Justice League series with a special armageddon cover with cry-clive ink and a JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE membership card! It sees a special group of heroes to tackle the hazardous missions set before this just-so-league Task Force. It also takes a tough leader to guide them—which is why the Martian Manhunter was selected to choose the appropriate heroes for each mission, including heroes who were never before members of the Justice League. JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE features your favorite DC characters in covert mission story arcs. In the first story, Superboy, Flash, Green Lantern, and Aquaman try to keep the ultimate doomsday weapon from destroying a Caribbean island torn by rebellion. The Task Force must mount a daring counter-strike without losing the tense political situation. Written by David Michelinie, with art and cover by Sal Velluto. $1.25

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #25

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L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #54

Lydia Mallor hopes to prevent the nightmarish Shadow Creature from destroying the L.E.G.I.O.N. and devastating the planet Tabla. Only a spectral visitation from Lyrissa Mallor, the team's fallen hero, can help. Written by Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and Robin Smith. Cover by Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOBO: UN-AMERICAN GLADIATORS 1

(of a 4-issue miniseries)

It's more chaos, comedy, and carnage, Lobo style. The planet Mondo Cannis hosts the greatest game in the galaxy—a no-holds-barred, ultraviolent fight to the death! Will Lobo survive competing in a hundred different prizes, including the grandest prize of all: the entire Planet Zanmay. Lobo is the favorite competitor...but the Satan Brothers are running a close second. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Cam Kennedy. Cover by Mignola. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOBO: UN-AMERICAN GLADIATORS #1

SHOWCASE '93 #6

(part of a 12-issue limited series)

Robin stars in "One Stone," written by Doug Moench, with art by Kieron Dwyer and Dick Giordano, as he sets himself up as a target for Brizuda. Blue Devil's adventure concludes in "Life's a Beach," as he tries to stop the wave of destruction caused by the demon Nebiros, written by Dan Mishkin and Gary Cohn, with art by Pete Moriarity and Dan Davis. A 6-part storyline featuring Deathstroke, the Terminator, Peacemaker, Deadstar, Dr. Light and Katana against the globe-spanning villainy of Kobra begins, written by Mike Baron, with art by Gary Barker and Joel Marcan, Jr. Cover by Mike Zeck. 48 pages. $1.95

SHOWCASE '93 #6

STAR TREK™ 049

Part 1 of the 2-part "The Peacemaker": Kirk reluctantly takes part in an experiment on a weapon that uses protomatter, the substance that caused the Genesis disaster which led to the crash of Kirk's son. And what could this possibly have to do with Gary Seven, the human raised by aliens to help humanity when they need it most? Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Rod Whigham and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Whigham and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

STAR TREK™: THE NEXT GENERATION™ 047

Part 1 of the 4-part "The Worst of Both Worlds": Picard and crew find themselves in a universe in which the Borg have defeated the Federation and assimilated the Earth. The battle-weary *Enterprise*® prepares for a final showdown with Locutus, the dehumanized Picard. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Peter Krause and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Rod Whigham and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

ACTION COMICS #687 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Beginning the "Reign of the Supermen," continued from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #503: The Last Son of Krypton returns to action, and this Superman has no qualms about taking a human life, so long as it's the right thing to do! Also, Clark Kent reacts to Superman's tougher techniques. The special double cover of the Collector's Edition features a unique die-cut design on the outer cover. Bound into the center of this issue is a double-page miniposter of Superman, printed on cover stock. Each of this week's 4 Superman issues presents one aspect of Superman's return to active duty. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Guice. $1.95

ACTION COMICS #687 NEWSSTAND EDITION

The Newsstand edition contains the same exciting story by Roger Stern and artists Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier, with the same bound-in miniposter as the Collector's edition, but with a different cover by Kerry Gammill and Guice. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #501 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Beginning the "Reign of the Supermen," continued from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500: Superman revels in his return to the skies—and the gauntlet he runs on his first day out! about does him in! Also young WGBS reporter Tana Moon steals his attention from Lois Lane! The special double cover of the Collector's Edition features a unique die-cut design on the outer cover. Bound into the center of this issue is a double-page miniposter of Superman, printed on cover stock. Each of this week's 4 Superman issues presents one aspect of Superman's return to active duty. Written by Karl Kesel, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. $1.95

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #501 NEWSSTAND EDITION

The Newsstand edition contains the same exciting story by Karl Kesel, with art by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood, a different cover by Grummett and Kesel, and the same bound-in minipaster as the Collector's Edition. $1.50

SUPERMAN #70 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Beginning the "Reign of the Supermen," continued from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500. Superman returns, robust for the future, and he makes it his business to dispose of Extinction Team Alpha. Lois comes face to face with this Man of Tomorrow, and she's horrified by what's happened to him! The special double cover of the Collector's Edition features a unique diecut design on the outer cover. Bound into the center of this issue is a double-page minipaster of Superman, printed on cover stock. Each of this week's 4 Superman issues presents one aspect of Superman's return to active duty. Written and penciled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Brett Breeding. Cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.95

SUPERMAN #70 NEWSSTAND EDITION

The Newsstand edition contains the same exciting story written and penciled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Brett Breeding, with the same bound-in minipaster as the Collector's edition, but with a different cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.50

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #22 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Beginning the "Reign of the Supermen," continued from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500. The Man of Steel returns to Metropolis to spend the last critical wins in Suicide Slum as he's a real, ruthless, part-time lord, and Jeb Stuart is back in town to see Lois Lane in the wake of Clark Kent's disappearance. The special double cover of the Collector's Edition features a unique die-cut design on the outer cover. Bound into the center of this issue is a double-page minipaster of Superman, printed on cover stock. Each of this week's 4 Superman issues presents one aspect of Superman's return to active duty. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.95

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #22 NEWSSTAND EDITION

The Newsstand edition contains the same exciting story by Louise Simonson, with art and a different cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke, and the same bound-in minipaster as the Collector's edition. $1.50

TEAM TITANS # 9

The Teamers have their hands full as Dopin tries to help a group of bloodsucking vampires who are having Battlelion as their main course. Meanwhile, the Nightwing of 2031...now named Deathwing...exclaims that threatens to tear the Team apart. Continued in TEAM TITANS #10 on sale NEW TITANS #98. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Phil Jimenez and Mike Parobeck. Cover by Jimenez. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #9

Crime Alley! Suspect! Perp! You'll walk free...unless Batman can defeat his army of thugs and find the evidence to put him away. Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.25

CRUCIBLE #5

(For Mature readers)

Wounded by the betrayal of his friend the Black Hood, the Crimson Avenger sets out on humanity, and the Black Hood clashes with the Shield in one hand to sacrifice the unhinged ex-super-hero. Written by Dan Raspler and Marv Wolf, with art by Chuck Wojtkiewicz, and Jimmy Palmiotti. Cover by Guasada and Palmiotti. $1.25

THE DARKSTARS #5

It's all-out combat as Coles battles the cataclysmic-powered Lord Chaos, and the aid of his Darkstar armor! Written by Jonathan Peterson, with art by Pat Gi Kircher and Scott Hanna. Cover by Charest. *(New Format)* $1.75

DETECTIVE COMICS #662

BATMAN and DETECTIVE continue "Knightfall," a crossover that leads into BATMAN #500. It's Batman vs. Bane, Robin vs. the Riddler, and the Huntress vs. the Riddler's gang, as Batman continues his search for Jason Todd, Bane, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Sam Kieth. $1.25

GREEN ARROW #75

Green Arrow and Speedy are reunited in this special oversized issue, as are Green Arrow and Dinah. But Green Arrow and Black Canary are separated as all four face their greatest foe in the Black Archer, a confrontation that will change Green Arrow's life forever. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Rick Hoberg. Cover by Grell. *(New Format)* 48 pages. $2.50

GREEN ARROW #76

GUY GARDNER #9

Part 1 of a 2-part story. The secret of Guy's right is revealed in this issue, and of the Universe take Guy to another planet to stop a war and our hero runs afoul of GL Boodikka. Only Guy can see the real cause of the war, and it'll cost him his life. Written by Will Jacobs, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Terry Beatty. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #51

After the events of last issue, the team becomes JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL as an ancient Aztec cult attacks the team and institutes her continental power. Only the newest members, Metamorpho, Tomorrow Devil, and the mysterious Maya, are there to fight for the team's freedom! Written by Gerard Jones and Val Jacobs, with art and cover by Tom Randall and Randy Elliott. $1.25

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #1

(Of a 6-issue miniseries)

In this **Elseworlds** mini-series, Kamandi's machine mother sends him out of his bunker to the obliterated surface of the Earth. His mission: to find the man who began this destruction of the world! Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Frank Gomez and Mike Barrie Jr. *(New Format)* $1.75

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SCARLETT #0

Part 1 of the 4-part "Blood of the Damned." An amnesiac Bly Pharris, still reeling from her recent deathlbirth experience as the Scarlett Redeemer, lies helpless in the hospital. Enter vampire queen Harmony Hamashita and her pet werewolves, ready to cut short Scarlett's threat to her unholy empire. Written by Tom Joyner and K.S. Wilson, with art by Greg Morrow. Cover by Jim Fern. *(New Format)* $1.75

SCARLETT #0

STATIC #1 DIRECT MARKET EDITION

DC Comics continues its launch of the Milestone comics line, presenting adventures of a culturally diverse mix of superheroes, set in the fictional city of Dakota. In the debut of STATIC, Virgil Hawkins, a typical 15-year-old, has undergone a bizarre biochemical change. This change involves a secret identity, powerful manipulation of electrostatic forces...and the threat of a supercovered punk, Hotstreak! The polybagged edition contains a 13" x 26" 4-color poster of the cover by Cowan: a "Who's Who"-style profile of Static printed on a backing board; a prototype trading card produced in cooperation with Skyllox International; and, Set "0" (the final 4 parts) of a giant 19-piece color mural. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and Robert L. Washington III, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell. Cover by Denys Cowan and Jimmy Palmiotti. $2.95

STATIC #1 NEWSSTAND EDITION

The newsstand edition of STATIC contains the same exciting story as the direct market edition by Dwayne McDuffie and Robert L. Washington III, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell, with a different cover by Cowan and Palmiotti. $1.50

STATIC #1

SUPERMAN: DEAD...OR ALIVE?

THE DREAM CONTINUES IN *A GAME OF YOU*

"In the pale light of the moon, I play the game of you. Whoever I am. Whoever you are. All sense of where I am, of who I am and where I'm going, has been swallowed by the dark. And I walk through the stars and sky...a trinity of dreams beneath the moon."

SANDMAN: A GAME OF YOU reprints the 6-issue story arc from THE SANDMAN #32-37, starring the character Barbie from "The Doll's House" storyline, and featuring the weird and whimsical art of Shawn McManus, Colleen Doran, George Pratt, Dick Giordano, Bryan Talbot, and Stan Woch. The collection is introduced by noted science-fiction author Samuel R. Delany. Like the SEASON OF MISTS hardcover, the dust-jacket and book design of A GAME OF YOU are by regular SANDMAN cover artist Dave McKean.

A self-contained saga, exploring issues of gender and identity, A GAME OF YOU blends realistic and fantastical elements with ease, and provides a revealing glimpse into the inner workings of the Dreaming and the mind of its Lord.

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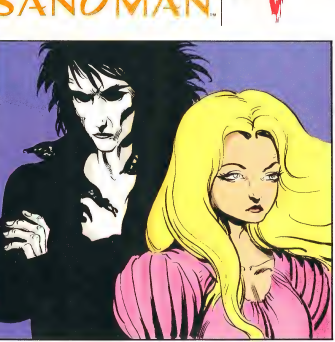


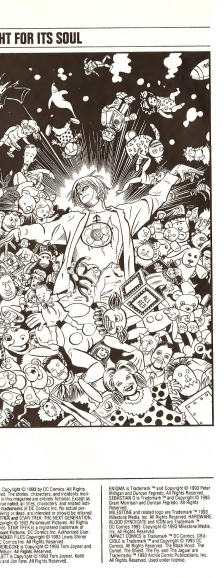
THE GEEK RETURNS TO FIGHT FOR ITS SOUL

A long time ago, in an Age of Innocence called "The Sixties," there was born into the world a floppy, mop-topped Doll Elemental. His friends, themselves a mop-topped bunch, called him Brother Power. Everyone else called him the Geek. His only desire was to spread tidings of peace, love, and universal harmony, but the Bosses didn't like it, so they shot him into space.

Brother Power returned, but when he got back, he realized that he didn't know America anymore and set out in search of it and also for a particular friend of his, a girl named Cindy. Threatened by his innocence, the Corruption Elementals tempted Brother Power into assuming a bewildering succession of self-destructive identities—a junk band dealer, a white supremacist, a codependent. Shattered and alone, tortured by his descent into narcissism, greed, and corruption, Brother Power became the one thing he hated most, a circus freak—a geek.

In the first issue of VERTIGO's new umbrella title for one-shot specials, VERTIGO VISIONS—THE GEEK, Brother Power returns to reclaim his lost innocence. DOOM PATROL writer Rachel Pollack teams with artist Michael Allred, creator of Tundra's offbeat hit *Madman*, to tell the tale of Brother Power's battle with the diabolical Dr. Cull and his agents of corruption.

VERTIGO VISIONS—THE GEEK is a 64-page one-shot special. The painted cover is by Allred and Matt Wagner.



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SANDMAN POSTER
The art team for the SANDMAN "Brief Lives" storyline, Jill Thompson and Vincent Locke, provides the art for this stunning 22" x 34" poster, just in time for SANDMAN #50. $4.95

VERTIGO VISIONS--THE GEEK #1
Created by Joe Simon and remastered by Neil Gaiman in the 1989 SWAMP THING ANNUAL, Brother Power was last seen heading off in search of America and his lost friend, Cindy. In the first VERTIGO VISION, a new umbrella title for special projects given the VERTIGO spin, DOOM PATROL writer Rachel Pollack and Michael Allred, creator of Tundra's Madman, reveal the dark underside of the American dream that the Geek finds. Painted cover by Allred and Matt Wagner. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $3.95.

VERTIGO VISIONS--THE GEEK #1

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ANIMAL MAN #60
Animal Man races to rescue his wife, Ellen, from the mean streets of New York, but instead gets arrested and hauled off to the state psychiatric ward. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Russell Braun and John Higgins. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

ENIGMA #4
(or An 8-issue miniseries!)
A strange interlude with the Enigma awakens something in Michael that he's not ready to confront, causing him to leave Sandra. Special feature: a '60s-style fan-zine from writer Peter Milligan and artist Duncan Fegredo. Art and process color by Sherilyn van Valkenburgh. Painted cover by Duncan Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. Below Format.)* $2.50

SWAMP THING #132
In "Home Body," a protoundly disturbing tale, Swamp Thing battles the doppelganger he left behind to guard his family, triggering massive, worldwide disruptions in the Green. Written by Nancy A. Collins, with art by Scot Eaton and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING MAY 4

DOOM PATROL #67
In their 30th Anniversary issue, the Doom Patrol takes another hopefully strange day in stride as they move into a bizarre new headquarters, gain two new members, and try to cope with the problem menace called the Wild Girls. All this and the debut of the new art team, Linda Medley (JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL) and Graham Higgins (ANIMAL MAN). Written by Rachel Pollack with a cover by Tom Taggart. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE SANDMAN: A GAME OF YOU HARDCOVER
This hardcover compilation of issues #32-37 of THE SANDMAN is the tale of Princess Barbie's quest to preserve The Land, an old promise kept, and the death of a tired dream. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by Shawn McManus and contributions from Colleen Doran, George Pratt, Dick Giordano, Bryan Talbot, and Stan Woch, the collection is introduced by science fiction author Samuel R. Delany. Designed and with a dust cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers.)* $29.95.

SEBASTIAN O #2
(of a 3-issue miniseries)
Sebastian flees across London trailing bon mots and the bodies of Lord Theo's mistaken assassins in his wake. With nowhere else to turn, Sebastian is forced to request assistance from the debauched and sodden characters he calls "friends." Written by Grant Morrison with art by Steve Yeowell. Cover by Yeowell with full process color by Tatjana Wood. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SEBASTIAN O #2

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SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #3

In Act Three of "The Tarantula," the Sandman finds the first link in the chain of clues that will lead him to the lair of the murderous kidnapper, while Dian Belmont collects information about another mysterious character—Wesley Dodds. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by Guy Davis. Painted photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #38

A new home is a new beginning—a chance to put down some roots, but Shade, Kathy, and Lenny tap into a new mind-altering mystery when they take up residence in the oddest hotel in the world and meet a peculiar child, and who amasses secret passions and awakens long-hidden secrets. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo, Rick Bryant, and Peter Gross. Painted cover by Chris Bachalo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING APRIL 20

HELLBLAZER #66

Part 3 of the 3-part "Fear and Loathing": With the blood of another friend still wet on his hands, Constantine must escape a racist organization in time to put into motion his plans for the Archangel Gabriel. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE SANDMAN #50

His name was Haroun Al Raschid, and he was the Caliph of Baghdad in a time when that city was the Jewel of Arabia. He was a man who literally had the riches of the world spread at his feet, but he was willing to sacrifice it all for a dream that he himself would never have. "Ramadan," a special extra-long story by Neil Gaiman, features the stunning art of P. Craig Russell. Plus, an artists gallery featuring impressions of the Lord of Dreams by Clive Barker, Todd McFarlane, Dave McKean, Scott McCloud, Michael Kaluta, John Totleben, Michael Zulli, and Jill Karla Schwartz. Black wraparound cover with metallic inks by Dave McKean. *(48 pages. Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $2.95.

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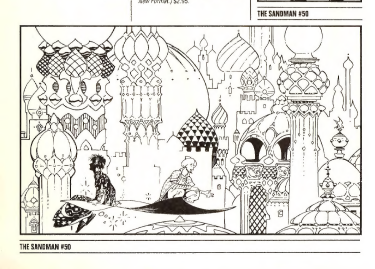

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SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #3

THE SANDMAN REACHES FIFTY

His name was Haroun Al Raschid, King of Kings, Prince of the Faithful, and he was the Caliph of Baghdad when it was the Jewel of Arabia. The ruler of a vast empire, he gathered around him the finest men, the loveliest women, and the wiliest magicians in his domain. Haroun Al Raschid was a good ruler and wise, but he knew a great secret, one that left a black stain on his heart. There was one thing he desired that he could not possess—immortality, though not for himself—and there was only one who could grant it to him—the Lord of Dreams.

In "Ramadan," the 50th issue of THE SANDMAN, Neil Gaiman and P. Craig Russell collaborate to tell a fabulous tale straight out of the Arabian Nights, the story of a Palace of Wonders and one of the myriad ways that a dream can be born. Drawing on both centuries-old myths and yesterday's news, Gaiman has composed a bittersweet fable about fables. Russell's finely detailed renderings give life to Gaiman's vision of a glorious, mythical past.

This 48-page celebration also features an exclusive gallery of interpretations of the Sandman by Clive Barker, Todd McFarlane, Dave McKean, Scott McCloud, Michael Kaluta, John Totleben, Michael Zulli, and Jill Karla Schwartz. The wraparound black cover with multiple metallic inks is by Dave McKean.